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Dear Geoffrey,

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Thank you for your minute of 15 July expressing your interest in our consideration of the next steps on DBS following the decision of the joint venture consortium not to proceed.

I readily acknowledge your considerable interest in this matter and I agree that the FCO should be actively involved in future discussions on the establishment of a UK DBS service. In fact I understand that my officials are already in touch with yours about the work to carry forward the consideration of ways in which satellite broadcasting might be developed, which is going ahead in parallel with the IBA's review of the prospects for launching a viable DBS service under Section 37 of the Cable and Broadcasting Act 1984.

I am sending copies of this letter to the Prime Minister, Norman Tebbit, Nigel Lawson and Willie Whitelaw and to Sir Robert Armstrong.

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The Rt Hon Sir Geoffrey Howe, QC, MP

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